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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: U-2 Coverage of Lop Nor and the Shuang-Cheng Tzu
Missile Test Range

1. This memorandum contains information only.

2. On 31 October 1966, Brig. General Paul Bacalis,
OSA, conducted a briefing in the office of the ADD/S&T.
Present for this briefing were:

Mr. Carl Duckett - ADD/S&T
Dr. Donald Chamberlain - D/OSI
Mr. David Brandwein - FMSAC
Mr. John Parangosky - OSA

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3. General Bacalis stated at the outset of the briefing
that the purpose of the briefing was to make ADD/S&T, FMSAC
and CSI fully aware of the present capability of the TACKLE
detachment to obtain U-2 photographic coverage of Lop Nor
and the Missile Test Range if there is a requirement for such
coverage. The plan involved deployment of the TACKLE detach-
ment to [redacted] Sample routes to both Lop Nor
and the Missile Test Range were presented by Gen. Bacalis.

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4. Conversation among Dr. Chamberlain, Mr. Brandwein
and [redacted] indicated that there was no immediate require-
ment for U-2 coverage of either area. Satellite launches in
the month of November would satisfy current requirements.

5. Mr. Duckett and Mr. Brandwein felt, however, that
the U-2 could obtain some needed photographic coverage along

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the supposed track of the missile recently fired as well as photography of Lop Nor. Since it is impossible for the satellites to give east-west coverage, the requirement for this track coverage could best be satisfied by the U-2.

6. Accordingly, it was agreed that Mr. Brandwein and his associates would make known to OSA in detail the target coverage required. Once these targets have been received, OSA will prepare proposed flight plan(s) and brief the ADD/S&T.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Special Actions Staff, OSA

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